Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) for BAA 05-023

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31. Is the total budget amount outlined in our full proposal limited to the total budget amount outlined in our white paper?

31A. No, but please note the following under Section II "Award Information:"

Individual proposals and/or integrated efforts that address Applied Research (Budget Category 6.2) and Advanced Technology Development (Budget Category 6.3) solutions are desired in the cost and period of performance range set forth below.

Yearly Funding: \$250,000/year to a maximum of \$5,000,000/year. However, lower and higher cost proposals may be considered. Most awards will be less than \$5,000,000/year. There will be no Option Years.

Period of Performance: The period of performance for projects may be from one to five years, with an estimated start date of 1 Oct 2007, subject to date of final award and availability of funds for each fiscal year.

ONR anticipates that approximately \$25,000,000 per year will be available to fund work proposed under this BAA. Proposals for less than the maximum dollar award are generally preferred, and it is possible that few or no awards may be made near or above the maximum funding level. Only an exceptionally important, highly-integrated effort with great transition potential would qualify for an award at the maximum level.

- 32. In the cost proposal, does a detailed budget for the subcontractors need to be provided? Or will a listing of the subcontract amount/year suffice?
 - 32A. Per Section IV. Volume II: Cost Proposal under Subcontract states:

A cost proposal as detailed as the Offeror's cost proposal will be required to be submitted by the subcontractor. The subcontractor's cost proposal can be provided in a sealed envelope with the Offeror's cost proposal or will be requested from the subcontractor at a later date.

- 33. Regarding Volume II: Cost Proposal under Part I states: Direct Labor Individual labor category or person, with associated labor hours and unburdened direct labor rates. Does unburdened direct labor refer to benefits?
 - 33A. Unburdened direct labor refers to indirect costs which usually comprise elements such as: fringe benefits, labor overhead, G&A, facilities cost of money, etc.
- 34. Do subcontractors need to have an approved accounting system?
 - 34A. There is no stated requirement for subcontractors to have an approved accounting system.
- 35. When proposing consultant costs, is there a need to provide a detailed budget similar to the requirement for a detailed subcontract budget?
 - 35A. The requirement for proposing consultant costs still necessitates that the offeror sufficiently detail the consultant costs in accordance with the Cost Proposal: Volume II, Part 1 which states:

Consultants: Provide consultant agreement or other document which verifies the proposed loaded daily/hourly rate.

- 36. We would like to organize and submit our proposals (Volume I and Volume II) in binders or possibly as a notebook. Is this acceptable?
 - 36A. It is requested that Offerors not submit either Volume I or Volume II in binders or notebooks.